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SUBJECT: U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATION IN EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH

AT PRESENT TIME THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIAL-
LY THE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ON EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS MITIGATION
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN. THERE ARE TWO AGREE-
MENTS CURRENTLY IN FORCE UNDER WHICH BILATERAL EARTHQUAKE
COLLABORATION HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN: THE U.S.-JAPAN NATURAL
RESOURCES (UJNR) PROGRAM AND THE U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE SCI-
ENCE PROGRAM (UJCSP). ADDITIONAL WORK HAS BEEN SUPPORTED
UNDER THE ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN. AT A MEETING
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APRIL 7, 1978, FEDERAL AGENCIES (NSF, USGS, NRC, DOA, NBS,
AND UJNR PANEL MEMBERS) CONCERNED WITH SUCH RESEARCH AGREED
TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS ON DEVELOPING AND COORDINATING A
UNIFIED COOPERATIVE EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH PROGRAM WITH JAPAN.
EARTHQUAKE HAZARD MITIGATION RESEARCH INCLUDES THE AREAS OF
GEOPHYSICAL, GEOLOGIC, SEISMIC, EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION, SO-
CIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING.

THESE AGENCIES HAVE AGREED TO COORDINATE THE U.S. SIDE OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH THE JAPANESE UNDER THE FOLLOWING PARAMETERS: (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE DEVELOPED ON A MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE BASIS TO FURTHER THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL GOALS AND THE PROGRAMS OF THE U.S. AND JAPAN. (2) THE

EXISTING AGREEMENTS (PARTICULARLY UJCSP AND UJNR) WILL BE USED AS THE VEHICLE TO IMPLEMENT ALL U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY. (3) SUPPORT OF JOINT RESEARCH PROPOSED BY U.S.-JAPAN INTERESTS WILL BE SUPPORTED ON THE U.S. SIDE THROUGH UJCSP IF THE INVESTIGATORS ON EACH SIDE ARE FROM ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS. RESEARCH BETWEEN GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH UJNR. RESEARCH PROPOSALS INVOLVING BOTH ACADEMIC AND GOVERNMENT LABORATORIES WILL BE COORDINATED JOINTLY BY UJCSP AND UJNR. A U.S. COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR U.S.-JAPAN EARTHQUAKE HAZARD MITIGATION RESEARCH MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE APPROPRIATE U.S. FEDERAL AGENCIES WILL PROVIDE A FOCUS FOR COMMUNICATION FOR ALL FEDERALLY SUPPORTED COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY TO KEEP ALL U.S. PARTICIPANTS FULLY AND CURRENTLY INFORMED OF ALL JOINT RESEARCH, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITY WITH JAPAN. CHRISTOPHER

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